

July 15, 2004

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commission Members

The Ohio Trucking Association is a member organization representing over 850 trucking companies in Ohio. These companies range in size from over 1000 units to the small company that has only 2 trucks. Many of these companies operate on a tight budget with less than a 1% profit margin.

The companies provide calling cards to employees as a means to communicate with the company. If this proposal passes it will significantly increase the cost to these companies. This increase in costs will hinder companies' attempts to communicate with their employees and the attempts by those companies to keep over the road drivers connected to their families.

The pre-paid phone card market is primarily lower income individuals who do not have any other options when it comes to long distance calls. This group of people is the last group that needs an increase in a basic utility. Should there be evidence that the phone companies are unable to cover their costs, than an increase in all rates, and not simply rates paid by low income individuals would be more appropriate.

The Ohio Trucking Association respectfully requests that the FCC leave the current rules regarding pre-paid phone cards intact.

Sincerely,

Larry Davis
President
Ohio Trucking Association